

Ed Peekeekoot

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Growing up in a musical and supportive family helped Ed Peekeekoot become a highly skilled finger-style guitarist. A singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Ed also plays fiddle, banjo, and traditional Native flute and drums. Mainly a solo performer, Ed also appears in duos with his musical friends including Winston Wuttunee, Alan Moberg, and Jerry Yuzon.

His *in the key of cree* was nominated for Best Country CD at the Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards 2008 and he performed on the awards show broadcast live on APTN.

The music of Ed Peekeekoot goes from foot-stomping fiddle to virtuoso classical guitar, sprinkled throughout with his Cree humour and philosophy. He takes people on a wildly varied musical journey in styles ranging from country to folk to jazz.

Reviews:

- "ED was a HIT!!!!!!!!!!!! Here". Rhoda Merkel, Skookum Jim Folklore Festival, Whitehorse (Feb. 2010)
- "Ed Peekeekoot's quick wit and even faster fingers had the audience on its feet by the end of his concert". Robin Poon, Reviewer (Nov. 2009)
- "Ed Peekeekoot was absolutely the star of our show. His stunning talent as a multi-instrumentalist, his easy and infectious humour and demeanor and his skills as a teacher in his carving workshops combined to make him a key component in our success. Ed's CDs sold out and people are asking where to get more!" Lionel Conant, Artistic Director, Cottonwood Festival, Fort St. James, BC (July 2009)
- "one of the most popular acts this year" Robert McCourty, Artistic Director, Islands Folk Festival, 2008
- "I play over 1400 artists on NativeRadio.com [Taos, NM] and I must tell you that your music is truly some of the best I've heard. Every time I take the control board I almost always play your music. It is so excellent and so varied, that I inevitably find several slots to fit you in. Quite amazing really!" Patrick Doyle, CEO
- "You definitely captured and expressed the sounds of nature such as the wild animals and the howling wind through your musical interpretations. I find it difficult to illustrate the relationship of music to nature. I have studied music in Europe and Japan, but never have I experienced such music as your performance." Ilsa Greenwold, Instructor, Julliard School of Music

Discography:

A Prairie Christmas : Release Date, December 1, 2010

- ***Dance Tonight*** (2008) a collection of most requested cover tunes
- ***in the key of cree*** (2006) nominated for Best Country CD in the 2008 Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards Winnipeg. Genre: World/Aboriginal.
- ***Front Porch*** (2005) Genre: Instrumental/ Folk/Acoustic.
- ***Two Worlds*** (1988) BCCMA's EP of the Year 1988
- Also appeared on ***Moçikan – Songs for Learning Cree*** (2007) by Art Napoleon.
- Compilation CD ***Dig Your Roots-Aboriginal*** (2006) Campus Radio Association.

- CDs available at www.peekeekoot.ca or CD Baby <http://cdbaby.com/>

Film and Radio:

- Featured on ***New Canoe*** April 2009, A Channel, Victoria, BC
- ***Full Moon Song*** and ***Kokum's Lullaby*** used in Harold Joe's film ***Broken Down***.
- Ed's guitar instrumental ***Land of the Raven*** was the theme music for the film series, ***North American Indian Portraits***. He was featured in that series in a film called ***Gentleman Cowboy of Honkytonk***.
- The APTN (TV) series ***Beyond Words*** profiled Ed as artist & musician in 2006.
- Airplay on CBC and on campus & community radio in Canada and the U.S.
- The National Campus and Community Radio Association chose ***Wild Lilies to Wheat Fields*** from ***in the key of cree*** for a track on their "***Dig Your Roots – Aboriginal***" compilation CD, in 2006. ***Five national concerts followed, each broadcast live nationally on campus*** and community radio stations.

PAST PERFORMANCES (Partial Listing):

2010 Highlights

Indian Summer Festival, Milwaukee, WI, US
Stony Plains Cowboy Gathering, Stony Plains, AB
PA Ex, Prince Albert, SK
Port Alberni Arts Council Concert Series, Port Alberni, BC
Corporate Events for MacGillivray & Associates, Victoria, BC
Canadian Rockies Cowboy Festival, AB
Teslin Tlingit Festival, Teslin, YT
Vancouver School Board Flute Festival and School Performances
Skookum Jim's Folklore Festival, Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse, YT
Aboriginal Music Series, Festival Place, Sherwood Park, AB
Presented several Native Flute workshops, Vancouver Island, BC.

2009 Highlights:

Aboriginal Day Live 2009 on APTN
National Aboriginal Housing Conference, Richmond, BC
Tofino Music Festival, Tofino, BC
Atlin Art & Music Festival, Atlin, BC
Cottonwood Festival, Fort St. James, BC
William's Lake Stampede

Prior Highlights:

- North American Indigenous Games, BC
- John Arcand Fiddle Festival, SK
- Saskatoon Fringe Festival, SK
- Salt Spring Island Folk Club, BC
- Native History Month at the Native American Art Gallery, Dallas TX
- 100 Mile House Cowboy Concert, BC
- Kamloops Cowboy Festival, BC (2008 & 2009)
- Elders Conference Gatherings, Quadra Island, BC
- Islands Folk Festival, Duncan, BC
- Winnipeg Children's Festival, MN
- Surrey Children's Festival, BC
- Penticton Children's Festival, BC
- Walking in Balance Conference, Fort St. John, BC
- Envision Twilight Concert Series, Mission, BC
- Mayne Island Folk Club, BC
- Armstrong Interior Provincial Exhibition Stampede & Rodeo, BC
- Dakota Dunes Resort and Casino, Saskatoon, SK
- Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards ceremony, Winnipeg, MN
- Manito Ahbee Festival
- McPhillips Street Station Casino, Winnipeg, MN
- Corporate Events: including Thrifty Foods and Finning Tractor
- First Nations Elementary & High Schools: Saskatchewan & Manitoba
- Schools on Vancouver Island